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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1951 was estimated to be 591,602, comprising 304,866 Males and 286,736 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>FEBRUARY.</u>		<u>2 Months ended</u> <u>FEBRUARY.</u>	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - Number.	495	447	1,068	971
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	10.53	10.13	11.00	10.45
Births - Number.	1,295	1,230	2,652	2,489
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	27.55	27.87	27.31	26.79
Deaths - Number.	405	396	839	815
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.62	8.97	8.64	8.77
Infant Mortality - Number.	40	45	85	105
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	30.89	36.59	32.05	42.19
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	11	11	17	15
Cancer.	60	60	120	113
Influenza.	3	-	3	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	50	39	103	82
Arteriosclerosis.	16	10	37	23
Diseases of the Heart.	100	117	222	229
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	12	15	36	34
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	5	9	9	17
Nephritis.	2	3	11	10
Diseases of Early Infancy.	24	26	52	59
Senility.	-	-	3	3
Accidents.	40	31	70	73
All Other Causes.	82	75	156	156
Total.	405	396	839	815

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March totalled 215,213 acres, a decrease of 104,813 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 516,637 acres, a decrease of 540,143.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MARCH.		9 Months ended MARCH.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,865,365	2,172,826	23,902,034	18,976,326
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 16. 6	£3. 15. 5	£40. 13. 0	£33. 8. 11
Expenditure.	3,021,728	2,652,744	25,212,826	20,092,660
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£5. 1. 9	£4. 12. 1	£42. 17. 7	£35. 8. 3

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st March amounted to £46,260,926 or £77. 15. Od. per head of population as against £43,300,049 or £75. 1. 3d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

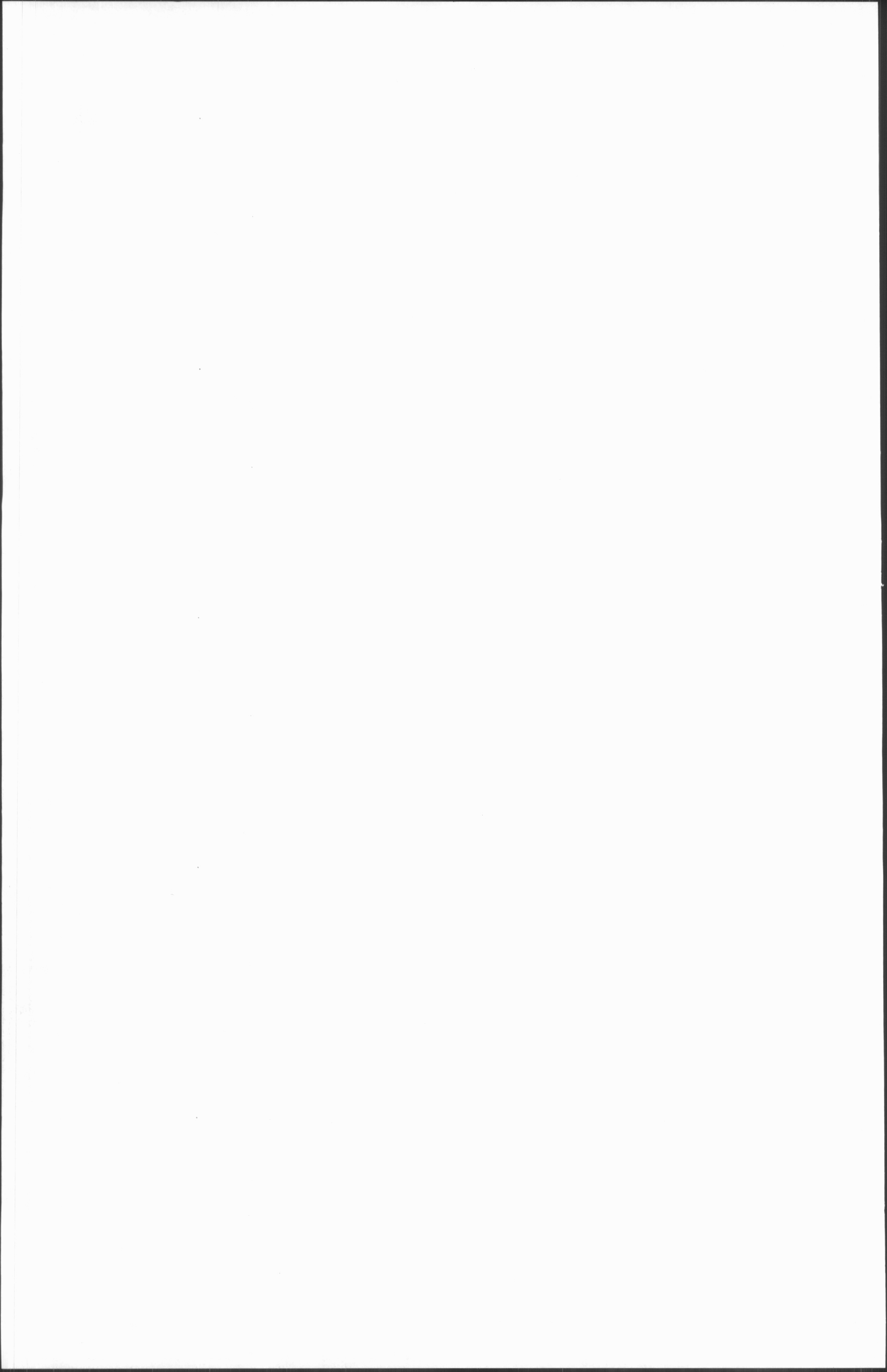
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 26th March, 1952 amounted to £11,657,481 compared with £11,341,376 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		MARCH.		9 Months ended MARCH.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,953	2,169	17,354	18,414
	£.	2,697,729	3,086,250	23,172,015	21,142,516
Mortgages.	No.	1,296	1,253	11,739	12,630
	£.	1,716,014	1,640,873	16,090,143	15,922,288
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	971	956	8,391	8,641

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Nine months ended March, 1951.	21,595,500	15,422,211	42,988,543	2,204,016
Nine months ended March, 1952.	26,292,963	20,560,419	62,134,528	4,035,212
Month of March, 1951.	2,412,865	1,841,572	5,643,630	276,201
Month of March, 1952.	2,888,831	2,400,499	6,462,676	454,536



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

63 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £3,720,900, and 52 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 89 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,834,000, and 35 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	9 Months ended MARCH.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	14	29,867	31,707	21	65,579	35,304
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	11	30,220	23,257	12	28,877	29,686
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£.	789,900	521,800	6,435,500	4,538,400
Working Expenses.(a)	£.	865,730	697,594	6,951,127	5,466,480
Train Miles Run.	No.	590,051	556,000	4,846,182	4,776,480
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 152,411	(b) 145,034	(c) 1,208,342	(c) 1,084,065
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	1,327,487	1,273,046	7,698,022	7,609,308
Motor Bus.	No.	44,372	41,231	384,507	352,220
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		255,822	230,463	2,039,988	1,896,153
Livestock.		9,585	11,061	96,718	108,199
Departmental.					
(Free Freight).		84,338	77,271	580,056	563,854
Total.		349,745	318,795	2,716,762	2,568,206
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		40,931,046	34,991,436	316,303,292	291,788,522
Livestock.		1,180,935	1,284,543	12,546,730	13,676,103
Departmental.					
(Free Freight).		7,970,113	8,894,284	62,990,104	67,898,107
Total.		50,082,094	45,170,263	391,840,126	373,362,732

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 9th February, 1952.

(c) Period ended 9th February, 1952.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950.	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951.	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
1951 -								
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
December.	35,585	15,586	498	9,721	59,085	47,936	932	15,171
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for February, 1952:-
109 Cars; 746 Wagons, Vans, etc. 9 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, February 1952 and 1951, and eight months ended February, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.		FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interstate.	6,108	3,388	43,599	26,602	5,983	10,110	51,299	62,069
	5,091	3,599	42,019	29,982	1,597	999	8,451	5,629
Total.	11,199	6,987	85,618	56,584	7,580	11,109	59,750	67,698

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

NOTE: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946.	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947.	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948.	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949.	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950.	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951.	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521
Sept. Qr.	422	612	1,099	1,790	15	295	93	243	1,629	2,940
Dec. Qr.	624	1,069	1,256	2,295	12	118	115	253	2,007	3,735

(a) Comprises Governmental Pay Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946.	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947.	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948.	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949.	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950.	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951.	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1951 -										
March Qr.	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
June Qr.	507	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123
Sept. Qr.	504	1,071	116	120	722	1,080	38	44	1,380	2,315
Dec. Qr.	697	1,585	138	207	920	1,435	66	89	1,821	3,316

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

336,084 lbs. were produced during February, 1952, and 12,731,099 lbs. for the eight months ended February, 1952 as against 437,058 lbs. and 13,082,717 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MARCH.		3 Months ended MARCH.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity Fine Ozs.	52,892	48,178	156,669	150,513
Value (Aust. Currency). £.	819,418	746,354	2,427,091	2,331,703

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1952 amounted to £14,051. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £82,801.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.		MARCH QUARTER.		12 Months ended MARCH.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2133	1707	1963	1597	2080	1712	1952	1596
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2285	1833	2105	1728	2164	1782	2036	1689
Northam.	2175	1708	1995	1613	2070	1732	1955	1610
Dunbury.	2178	1733	1991	1610	2106	1719	1967	1614
Geraldton.	2217	1739	2033	1636	2169	1809	2046	1677
Collie.	2174	1731	1991	1611	1992	1643	1872	1533

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,514	41,319	168,833
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690			
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514			
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357			
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848			
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094			
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077			
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840			
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1948	1949	1950 (a)	1951 (a)	1952 (a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	206	209	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	209	209	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	209		1264	1371	1415	1513	
April.	176	187	200	209		1264	1377	1415	1508	
May.	177	187	203	210		1277	1354	1418	1500	
June.	177	187	202	211		1277	1362	1429	1517	
July.	177	182	202	211		1301	1381	1423	1517	
August.	179	189	202	211		1294	1377	1419	1510	
September.	180	190	203	208		1302	1365	1428	1518	
October.	180	191	204	210		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	205	211		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	204	209		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
28th April, 1952.	£. s. d. 11. 3. 10	£. s. d. 7. 5. 6	£. s. d. 11. 2. 5	£. s. d. 7. 4. 7	£. s. d. 11. 8. 10	£. s. d. 7. 8. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	MARCH.		9 Months ended MARCH.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	28,562	24,252	239,226	201,908
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,814	22,250	207,823	185,094

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
March, 1952.	6,087	312	59,304	10,207
March, 1951.	6,349	296	59,984	7,777
3 Months ended March, 1952.	18,550	1,105	225,193	30,799
3 Months ended March, 1951.	18,419	1,120	195,923	26,255

